

Anno Regni

WILLIELM

ET

MARIÆ,

REGIS & REGINÆ

Anglia, Franciæ & Hiberniæ,

PRIMO.

On the Twenty third Day of February, Anno Dom. 1688. In the First Year of Their Majesties Reign, this ACT Passed the Royal Assent.

Angl. - L. S. - m. Wm & Mary



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Anno Primo

WILLIELMI & MARIÆ.

An Act for Removing and Preventing all Questions and Disputes concerning the Assembling and Sitting of this present Parliament.

For preventing all Doubts and Scruples which may in any wise arise concerning the Meeting, Sitting, and Proceeding of this present Parliament; Be it Declared and Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons now Assembled, And by Authority of the same.

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That

That the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons Conveened at Westminster, Two and Twentieth Day of January, in Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Eight, and there Sitting on the Thirteenth day of February following, are the Houses of Parliament, and so shall be, and hereby Declared, Enacted, and Adjudged to to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, Notwithstanding any Want of or defect in Writs of Summons, or any other defect of Form, or default whatsoever, as if they had been Summoned according to the usual form. That this present Act, and all other Acts, to which the Royal Assent shall at any time be given before the next Prorogation after the said Thirteenth day of February, shall be Understood, Taken, and Adjudged in Law, to Begin, and Commence upon the said Thirteenth of February, on which day, the said Majesties at the Request, and by the Advice of the Lords and Commons, Did accept the Crown and Royal Dignity of King and Queen of England, France and Ireland, and the Dominions, and Territories thereto belonging.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Act made in the Thirtieth year of King Charles the Second, Entituled, An Act for the more effectual preserving the Kings Person and Government, by disabling of Papists from Sitting in either House of Parliament, and all other Acts of Parliament, as so much of the said Act or Acts only, as concerns the Taking the Oaths of Supremacy and Allegiance, or either of them, in the said Act or Acts respectively mentioned, by any Member or Members of either House of Parliament, with relation to their Sitting and Voting in Parliament, shall be, and are hereby Repealed to all Intents and Purposes; Any thing in the said recited Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted, That the taking the Oaths herein after mentioned, and the Making, Subscribing, and Repeating the Declaration in the said Act of the thirtieth year of King Charles the Second mentioned, by every Member of either House of this present Parliament, from and after the First day of March next ensuing, in such manner as the Taking the said Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Making, Subscribing

scribing and Repeating the said Declaration in the said last mentioned Act are required, shall be good and effectual to all Intents and purposes, if the said Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy have been Taken, & the said Declaration had been Made, Subscribed and Repeated in such Manner, and at such Time as by the said Act or Acts, or any of them, they are required. And that in all future Parliaments the Oaths herein after mentioned and the Declaration in the said Act made in the Thirtieth Year of King Charles the Second mentioned, shall be Taken, Made, Subscribed and Repeated by every Member of either House of Parliament, within the time, and in the same Manner and Form, and under the Penalties and Disabilities as the said Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the said Declaration, by the said Act of the Thirtieth Year of King Charles the Second Limited, Ordained and Appointed to be Taken, Made, Subscribed and Repeated, and not at any other Time, or in any other Manner, to enable them to Sit and Vote in Parliament; Any thing in the said Act or Acts, or any of them, to the contrary notwithstanding.

And

And it is hereby further Enacted and Declared by the Authority aforesaid, That the Oaths above appointed by this Act to be taken in the stead and place of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, shall be in the words following, and no other.

I A. B. Do sincerely Promise and Swear, that I will be faithful, and bear true Allegiance to their Majesties, King William and Queen Mary. So help me God.

I A. B. Do Swear that I do from my Heart Abhor, Detest and Abjure, as Impious and Heretical, that damnable Doctrine and Position, That Princes Excommunicated or Deprived by the Pope, or any Authority of the See of Rome, may be Deposed or Murthered by their Subjects, or any other whatsoever. And I do Declare that no foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Potentate hath, or ought to have any Power, Jurisdiction, Superiority, Preeminence or Authority Ecclesiastical or Spiritual within this Realm, So help me God.

Provided always, and be it Declared, That this present Parliament may be Dissolved after the usual manner, as if the same had been Summoned and Called by Writ.

E I N I S,

1. The first part of the book is a preface by the author, in which he explains the purpose of the work and the scope of the inquiry.

A. B. Dothfully Promise and swear, that I will be
loyal, and bear true Allegiance to their Majesties, King
and Queen.

in this realm, I do help me God.

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